

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LINDA FAGAN
HALDERMAN, M.D., FACS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Doctor Linda Halderman upon being named one of "The 2007 Women of Distinction" by The Fresno County and City Republican Women Federated.

Doctor Linda Halderman graduated with honors and high distinction from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1991. She then continued to Hahnemann University School of Medicine, where she received an MD degree in 1997 and academic honors in the following areas: CT surgery, CT surgery subinternship, critical care/SICU, general surgery, surgery research, psychopathology, clinical medicine, obstetrician/gynecologist, pediatrics, family medicine, psychiatry and pathology. Doctor Halderman started her general surgery residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and completed her residency at University of California, San Francisco in Fresno, CA.

In her career Doctor Halderman has focused on serving those that live in underserved rural areas of California. For a year she practiced general and trauma surgery coverage in the underserved communities of King City, Needles, Porterville, Selma, and Truckee. About 4 years ago she opened her own practice in Selma, CA. At her private practice she offers numerous services; from focusing on gallbladder disease, to benign and malignant breast disease (and mastectomies) to cosmetic dermatology. Her practice encompasses many areas of general surgery. Her work is important, but it is what she does away from the office that is even more amazing.

Doctor Halderman is involved in government reform, research and volunteer activities. She has over 50 publications and presentations that have focused on the role of government in healthcare. She has spoken on local radio and television news outlets, discussing various medical matters, particularly in regards to the latest medical breakthroughs with breast cancer. Further, Doctor Halderman has served on many panels and roundtables, including a Healthcare Town Hall Meeting co-hosted by California State Assemblyman Bill Maze and Porterville/Tulare/Visalia Chambers of Commerce, "The California Common Sense Healthcare Revolution: solving the crisis" a panel sponsored by College Community Congregational Church, and the "Business Healthcare Summit" a panel co-hosted by Assemblyman Mike Villines and the Fresno Farm Bureau. She has also made presentations to various Republican party organizations, the American Cancer Society, high schools, and University of California, San Francisco in Fresno.

Doctor Halderman is extremely active within the community on many different levels. She is involved in several community service and

professional organizations. Most recently she has been affiliated with American College of Surgeons, American Society of Breast Surgeons, California Health Collaborative Cancer Detection Program (Continuous Quality Improvement Committee Board Member and Physician Educator), California Medical Association, Fresno-Madera Medical Society (Board of Governors 2005, Editorial/Publications Board Member 2003-2004), Selma Community Hospital Foundation (Board of Trustees 2004-2006) and the Selma Community Hospital Foundation (Executive Board Member 2005-2008). She is an amazing advocate for healthcare reform that is beneficial for the patient as well as the physician.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Doctor Linda Fagan Halderman upon being awarded with "The 2007 Women of Distinction". I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Doctor Halderman many years of continued success.

HONORING RABBI CAROLE
MEYERS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, today I would like to take a moment to honor the memory of a good friend and a community leader, Rabbi Carole Meyers. Rabbi Meyers died at the age of 50 on Thursday, July 26, after a brief battle with bone cancer. She served as Rabbi of Temple Sinai in Glendale, CA, from 1986 to 2001.

Over the 15 years Rabbi Meyers served at Glendale's Temple Sinai the congregation nearly doubled in size, boosting its education programs for both children and adults.

Rabbi Meyers significantly raised the profile of the temple through her extensive work in the community. Rabbi Meyers was involved with Habitat for Humanity and the Glendale Community Foundation. She served on the Mayor's Task Force on Hate Crimes, helping to craft a citywide response plan to fight hate crimes. Rabbi Meyers also trained as a chaplain for the Glendale Police Department and helped to create an annual AIDS Awareness Prayer Service with other Glendale religious leaders.

After retiring in 2001 to spend more time with her family, Rabbi Meyers remained active in our community serving on the board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, developing curriculum for Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, and presiding at marriages and bar and bat mitzvahs.

In 2001, shortly after the tragic events of 9/11, Rabbi Meyers had the distinction of delivering the opening prayer in the House of Representatives. In such a sad and somber time Rabbi Meyers's prayer was uplifting and life-affirming. Her words helped console our nation. And her words that day still ring true

today as we try to find answers to her untimely death.

On this floor in November 2001, Rabbi Meyers prayed,

It takes courage to pray meaningfully in the wake of events shaping our lives.

It is not that we do not turn to God, we do. We come with our praise and with our entreaties, but we strain to hear an answer, to sense God's presence radiating back to us, over the abyss that grief and fear have created.

Shall we this morning, just for a moment, stop speaking to God, asking God, about God, entreating God, and instead make an effort to find once again that experience of God's presence that grounds our faith.

Come with me to that place. Perhaps it was when you witnessed the birth of your child, new life so precious and pure, perhaps when you saw your soul reflected back at you in the eyes of someone whose love was infinite. Perhaps in the tangle of pain and darkness when somehow there was a presence to call, to let you know you would move forward. Perhaps when a piece of music shook you to your core, bringing an exquisite awareness of the depth of human experience.

Perhaps when you truly saw the miracle of nature surrounding us, the sun rising and setting, day after day of nature in its magnificent order, there was a moment when you knew that an Other exists before whom we stand in awe and whose greatness we strive to reflect in the actions of our lives.

Eternal God, be with us as we move through this time of uncertainty. Help us know that we can lend Your presence and use our lives to reflect it. Then we will have the faith to bring light and joy, peace and comfort, justice and goodness to this magnificent world God has created. Amen.

IN RECOGNITION OF FOR THE
LOVE OF THE LAKE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a local community conservation organization of which I have been a volunteer and supporter, For the Love of the Lake.

This group of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers generously gives of its time and effort to help preserve and enhance White Rock Lake Park in Dallas, Texas. As a member of this local community, I understand the desire to ensure White Rock Lake stays clean and beautiful. I also labor alongside many volunteers as an Adopt-a-Shoreline Leader by picking up litter and recyclables to maintain this urban oasis so that it can continue to be enjoyed by families, local citizens, and visitors. These regularly scheduled weekend clean ups help build a strong sense of community and civic duty, essential to the American spirit.

Beyond preservation, For the Love of the Lake has also sought out innovative opportunities to enhance and renovate White Rock

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